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1. SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION: DCM AND POL CHIEF MET WITH SENIOR MFA OFFICIALS IN PAST WEEK TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSIONS, CITING USG POSITIONS ON KEY SUBJECTS PER REF A GUIDANCE, AND SOLICITING GOM VIEWS ON ISSUES LIKELY TO ARISE IN NEW YORK. MFA OFFICIALS SEE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA MATTERS FIGURING PROMINENTLY IN 32ND UNGA AND EXPRESSED RELIEF KOREAN ISSUE APPARENTLY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE RAISED THIS YEAR. MFA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM SINGAPORE MEETING OF ASEAN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH UN MATTERS, REPORTS THESE CONSULTATIONS REVEALED FOLLOWING ISSUES OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ONE OR MORE ASEAN MEMBERS: EAST TIMOR
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(INDONESIA); STATUS OF BRUNEI (MALAYSIA); INDOCHINESE REFUGEES (THAILAND); CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CODES (PHILIPPINES); UN ASSESSMENTS (SINGAPORE; AND VIETNAMESE (SRV) BEHAVIOR IN UN (ALL FIVE, BUT THAILAND IN PARTICULAR). IF ELECTIONS ARE REQUIRED TO SELECT ASIAN REPRESENTATIVES TO UNEP (THERE ARE NOW FIVE CANDIDATES FOR FOUR ASIAN SLOTS), MALAYSIA HOPES U.S.

WILL SUPPORT ITS CANDIDATE. END SUMMARY/INTRODUCTION.

2. DCM AND POL SECTION CHIEF CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL DATUK ZAINAL ABIDIN BIN MOHD. YUSOF, HEAD OF MFA POLITICAL DIVISION, SEPT. 7 TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES IN FORTHCOMING RESUMED 31ST AND REGULAR 32ND UNGA SESSIONS. DCM DREW ON REF A GUIDANCE TO underscore U.S. POSITIONS ON MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, PUERTO RICO, GUAM, AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE. DATUK ZAINAL LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO EXPOSITION U.S. POSITION, PARTICULARLY ON U.S. INITIATIVES IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND INQUIRED WHETHER U.S. WAS CONTEMPLATING SEEKING AMENDMENTS TO RES 242 TO BETTER ADDRESS PALESTINIAN QUESTION. DCM REPLIED ALONG LINES REF A THAT WHILE AWARE OF PALESTINIAN CONCERNS, WE DO NOT REPEAT NO FAVOR AMENDING RESOLUTION 242. DATUK ZAINAL NOTED THAT NORTH KOREANS HAD INFORMED GOM THEY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PRESS FOR DEBATE ON THE KOREAN QUESTION AT THIS YEAR'S UNGA, "MUCH TO EVERYONE'S RELIEF."

3. DCM AND POL CHIEF MET SEPT. 9 WITH AJIT SINGH, MFA UNDERSECRETARY FOR MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AND FORMER MALAYSIAN DEPUTY PERM REP IN NEW YORK. DCM REITERATED POINTS MADE IN SEPT. 7 MEETING WITH ZAINAL ABIDIN, AND DETAILED U.S. POSITIONS ON OTHER ISSUES NOT PREVIOUSLY RAISED. AJIT NOTED THAT HE WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH PREPARING THE PRIME MINISTER'S UNGA ADDRESS, WHICH IS

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SCHEDULED FOR SEPT. 30 AND WHICH WILL PLACE PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS. IN THIS REGARD, HE SAID THE IRAQIS HAVE BEEN PRESSING THE GOM FOR SUPPORT ON AN INITIATIVE ON THE PALESTINE QUESTION, ALTHOUGH THE MALAYSIANS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AWARE OF THE DETAILS. AJIT ALSO REMARKED THAT AT THE SYRIANS' INITIATIVE, A MEETING OF NON-ALIGNED AND ISLAMIC MINISTERS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN NEW YORK ON SEPT. 26. HE ADDED THAT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES WERE OF PARTCILAR CONCERN AND PRESSURE IS MOUNTING FOR A RESOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE.

4. ON CYPRUS SETTLEMENT, AJIT INDICATED THAT GOM, IN LINE WITH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE DECISIONS, WOULD FAVOR TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATION IN PLENARY. HOWEVER, GOM WILL SUPPORT AN "OMNIBUS" RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS "IF IT ISN'T TOO HARD ON THE TURKS."

5. SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF U.S. POSITIONS, AJIT INDICATED THAT GOM POLICY IS "ALL THE WAY WITH THE AFRICANS," NOTING THERE IS GROWING PRESSURE FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, PARTICULARLY ON

ZIMBABWE (RHODESIA), BROADENING MANDATORY SANCTIONS AGAINST SMITH REGIME. DCM REITERATED PER GUIDANCE OUR POSSIBLE PROBLEMS WITH THIS AND OUR HOPE THAT SUFFICIENT TIME WOULD BE GIVEN FOR JOINT U.S.-UK INITIATIVES TO BEAR FRUIT. AJIT REPLIED THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT, AND AFRICANS SEEM TO HAVE LOST PATIENCE. DCM COUNTERED THAT U.S. STILL IS HOPEFUL A PEACEFUL SOLUTION CAN BE WORKED OUT, SINCE RISK OF SERIOUS BLOODSHED AND SUFFERING AMONG ALL GROUPS, INCLUDING AFRICANS, IS GREAT IF IT CANNOT.

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6. AJIT SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RETURNED FROM A MEETING IN SINGAPORE OF ASEAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED WITH UN MATTERS. IN THE COURSE OF THESE PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS, SEVERAL ISSUES WERE IDENTIFIED AS BEING OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO ONE OR MORE ASEAN COUNTRIES. FOR EXAMPLE, INDONESIA IS ENGAGED IN A MAJOR EFFORT TO WIN SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR, AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO WILL BE TRAVELING TO A NUMBER OF MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES BEGINNING OCTOBER 9 IN ORDER TO Woo ARAB NATIONS, WHO IN GENERAL HAD ABSTAINED ON LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. (AJIT NOTED THAT ONLY SINGAPORE AMONG THE ASEAN NATIONS HAD NOT REPEATEDLY VOTED AGAINST THE RESOLUTION, AND WOULD PRESUMABLY FOLLOW A SIMILAR COURSE THIS YEAR.) MALAYSIA ON ITS PART WAS INTERESTED IN THE

RESOLUTION IN FAVOR OF SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR BRUNEI, AND
HOPED THE U.S. WOULD SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. (HE
NOTED THAT THE U.S. "ALONG WITH THE EEC" HAD SUPPORTED
THE BRITISH ON THIS QUESTION THIS YEAR.) SINGAPORE
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WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN ON THIS RESOLUTION IN VIEW OF
ITS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THE SULTAN OF BRUNEI, AJIT
REMARKED. SINGAPORE IS CONCERNED ABOUT UN ASSESSMENTS,
WHICH IT CONSIDERS HAVE BEEN SCALED ON A FAULTY DATA
BASE. THE PHILIPPINES HOPE THAT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL
ECONOMIC CODES WILL BE CODIFIED INTO A SIMPLER, MORE
USABLE, DIGEST.

6. ACCORDING TO AJIT SINGH, THAILAND IS ESPECIALLY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE INDOCHINESE REFUGEE PROBLEM AND
WANTS THE UN TO ADDRESS THIS MATTER. ALTHOUGH THAIS
WOULD PREFER A SEPARATE RESOLUTION ON THIS, CONCERN
ABOUT POSSIBLE SRV OPPOSITION MAY LIMIT THEIR ACTIONS
TO SEEKING AN AMENDMENT TO THE NORMAL RESOLUTION ON THE
UNHCR THAT MIGHT URGE OTHER UN BODIES TO COOPERATE MORE
FULLY WITH UNHCR (APPARENTLY THAIS HAVE ENCOUNTERED
PROBLEMS WITH UN BUREAUCRACY; E.G., COMMUNICATION BREAK-
DOWNS BETWEEN UNHCR AND WORLD FOOD PROGRAM OVER REFUGEE
FEEDING PROGRAMS). FINALLY, ALL FIVE ASEAN NATIONS WILL
BE WATCHING VIETNAMESE (SRV) BEHAVIOR CLOSELY IN WHAT
WILL BE THEIR FIRST PARTICIPATION AS UN MEMBERS. ASEAN
MEMBERS WILL BE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED TO OBSERVE HOW
ACTIVE AND ASSERTIVE THE SRV DELEGATION WILL BE, SINCE
THIS MAY IMPACT ON ASEAN NATIONS' INTERESTS ON VARIOUS
ISSUES.

7. AJIT EXPLAINED THAT THERE NOW APPEARED TO BE FIVE
CANDIDATES FOR FOUR ASIAN SLOTS ON THE UNEP (UNITED
NATIONS ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM), AND UNLESS ONE OF THE
CANDIDATES WITHDRAWS ELECTIONS WILL BE NECESSARY. IN
SUCH AN INSTANCE, THE GOM REQUESTS THE U.S. TO SUPPORT
ITS (UNNAMED) CANDIDATE.

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8. COMMENT: MEETINGS WITH MFA REPRESENTATIVES AFFORDED
USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR PRELIMINARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
UNGA ISSUES. WE FOUND AJIT SINGH PARTICULARLY WELL-
INFORMED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ON KEY ISSUES, AND HE SEEMED
APPRECIATIVE TO RECEIVE BRIEFING ON U.S. POSITIONS. WE

NOTED, HOWEVER, CARE HE TOOK TO EMPHASIZE THAT MALAYSIA,
DESPITE ITS GENERAL ESPOUSAL OF NON-CONFRONTATIONAL
APPROACHES AND PEACEFUL COMPROMISES, NONETHELESS CON-
SIDERS ITSELF CLOSELY ALLIED WITH GENERAL THIRD-WORLD
AND ISLAMIC ASPIRATIONS. HE SAID MALAYSIA, THEREFORE,
FOLLOWS A TWO-TRACK APPROACH: CONTINUING TO WORK FOR
PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS IN THE COURSE OF ON-GOING NEGOTIA-
TIONS, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME KEEPING PRESSURE ON
INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN OTHER FORA TO FOCUS ATTENTION
ON MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS OR TO QUICKEN THE PACE OF EFFORTS
TO REDRESS VARIOUS THIRD-WORLD GRIEVANCES.

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